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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This paper is being filed within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491 of the international application. Therefore, no fees are required. If a fee is deemed to be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form(s) PTO-1449.

Some of the listed references were cited in the international stage search report. Since these references are of record in the instant PCT application PCT/EP97/03172, copies are not enclosed herewith.

Also, copies of the other cited references are enclosed herewith.

Applicants provide the following statement of relevance for the non-English document "Innovatives Antihypertensives," Therapiewoche 36, pp. 1982-85 (1996). "Innovatives Antihypertensives" relates to innovative antihypertensives and angiotensin II antagonism as indicated by the title.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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